

Riley County Vision 2025 Committee Meeting

April 3, 2008

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. County Commission Chambers

Meeting Summary

Welcome & Review of Public Comments

Review of Previous Month Building Activity

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by facilitator Terrie McCants. McCants welcomed the group and reminded those in attendance that comment cards were available for public comments.
- Monty Wedel reported that there were no public comments submitted and that there was nothing to report regarding the monthly development activity for March.
- McCants reviewed the agenda with the Committee.

Full Group Discussion on Trial Runs and LESA Scoring System

- Wedel explained the need to evaluate and achieve consensus on the current scoring system of the LESA, specifically, the numbering convention of overall total score(1000's vs. 100's), the total scoring per factor (1000 pts.), the scoring of sub-elements within each factor, and the scoring of individual attributes of each sub-element.
- Wedel asked the Committee if there were any comments on the convention of the overall scoring. No suggestions or modifications were recommended. The Committee reached consensus that existing convention was acceptable.
- Wedel asked the Committee if the total scoring per factor (1000 pts.) was acceptable or if certain factors should be worth more points. The Committee expressed that 1000 points per factor was acceptable at this time, with the exception of Factor 6 Effect of Rezoning on the Environment. The Committee considered to:
 - Relocate the environmental criteria elsewhere in the Plan;
 - Leave it in the LESA as a bonus, not a scored factor; or
 - Leave in as a factor, with reduced or negative points.

The Committee agreed to "table" discussion regarding Factor 6 until the April 17th meeting.

- Wedel asked the Committee if there was any comments regarding the scoring of the individual attributes of each sub-element. The Committee expressed interest in retaining the ½ and ¼ mile measurements regarding the Ag character test, while running more sample development sites. No suggestions or modifications were recommended on the individual attributes of any other factor, with the exception of Factor 6 (under review).

Discussion of Hardship Factor

- Wedel opened the discussion regarding the inclusion of the proposed "hardship" factor into the LESA. Wedel reviewed the hypothetical development scenarios and how a hardship determination could be made for a particular case. Wedel also reviewed some suggested criteria that a Board could use to determine whether a particular development request was eligible for a "hardship" determination, such as the length of time of ownership of the property.

The Committee suggested:

- Considering the difficulty in defining "hardship" and/or objectifying it,

"hardship" should be included in some other part of the Plan other than the LESA system;

- Establish a section of the Plan that includes the LESA, consideration of "hardship", and impact of the environment.

Next Full Committee meeting: April 17, 2008, 7:00 PM at County Commission Chambers

**Future meetings: May 1, 2008 @ 7:30 at the BOCC Chambers
May 22, 2008 @ 7:30 at the BOCC Chambers**

Adjourned